

Remarks

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, 22, and 36-60 are presently pending. Claim 1 is amended herein; no claims are withdrawn or cancelled herein; and new claims 36-60 are added herein.

Summary of Interview

[0003] Examiner Chen graciously talked with me—the undersigned agent for the Applicant—on Feb 20, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] In that discussion, I explained what I viewed as the differences between the cited art and the application/claims. In particular, I noted that the Bal reference does not describe associating a digital signature with a web page. Rather, the Bal reference describes a scenario in which a digital signature is associated with an ActiveX™ control. A digital signature associated with a control object may be used to verify the authenticity of the control object, but does not prevent a second web page from maliciously accessing the control object that was previously downloaded to a client device by a first web page. By associating a digital signature with a web page that includes code to invoke a control object, a client device can then verify the authenticity of the web page before allowing the web page to invoke the control object. While the control object itself may be digitally

signed, the signature associated with the control object does not provide a way to verify the authenticity of the web page invoking the control object.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0005] If the Office's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then Applicant formally requests an interview with the Examiner of this patent application. I encourage the Examiner to contact me—the undersigned agent for the Applicant—to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us.

[0006] Please email me at kayla@leehayes.com. Please copy my assistant Carly Taylor (carly@leehayes.com) as well. While email works great for me, I welcome you to call either of us as well. (509-324-9256 x264 OR 509-324-9256 x242)

Claim Amendments

[0007] Applicant amends claim 1 and adds new claims 36-60 in accordance with the above-referenced telephone interview with Examiner Chen. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and quickly identify allowable subject matter.

Substantive Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections under § 102

[0008] The Office states that claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are rejected as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,499,109 issued to Balasubramaniam et al (herein referred to as "Bal"). (Action, page 2.) Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

[0009] Claim 1 has been amended, rendering the rejection of claim 1 moot.

[0010] Based on the above-referenced Examiner Interview, Applicant believes that claim 1, as amended, is allowable over Bal., and Applicant respectfully requests that the 102 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

[0011] Claims 2-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are allowable at least by virtue of the dependency (direct or indirect) on claim 1.

Conclusion

[0012] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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